



AUSTRALIAN Residents & Anglo-Indian Association

Alone we achieve little

... ..together we can make a difference

NEWSLETTER DATE

EASTER APRIL 2022

MESSAGE FROM CHAIRMAN

Dear Members,

May I begin by remembering Jesus' sacrifice and give thanks for what he brought to our world.

May God shower you with **blessings, love & peace** this Easter.

The last three years has delivered disasters in all forms, natural (fire & floods & pandemics), man-made, & complex emergencies & refugee crises, delivering an unprecedentedly turbulent blow to the world from 2020.

The Prime Minister has done well to soften the blows.

As a community we have lost many of our leaders and we continue to stress that our future depends on the resources that we are able to muster in times of distress.

Our best years were in the

eighteenth century. Every news letter contains chapters on development of the community from seventeenth century when the community was born. Material drawn from by Anglo-Indian authors.

ARAIA's priority is given to draw in younger members and building our assets.

The "Buy a Brick Scheme" or donors to the "TRUST FUNDS" was introduced, that statistically our records show the sports area of younger members are the main contributors to the fund.

The older generation appears to be disillusioned as donations from the elders, the most important quarter is missing .

Deposit your \$100 or whatever you can afford into the 'Trust Fund' in building our own estate.

**Max French
Chairman**

ASHLEY AVIET

ARAIA never forgets.

Sadly, we lost Ashley Aviet on **7th Feb:22**. President, Sport committee 2011-13.



"Those that touch our lives stay in our hearts forever".

An amazing man, helpful, generous and friendly.

Quote: ARAIA yearbook 2012. **"MANGO CUP"**.

Ashley, brought home the bacon, winning the cup.

Stanley D'Cruz, President Mangalorean's & VP Indian Fed: states "Perfect weather, spectators, running commentary, music, Biryani etc; gave this year's tournament an added flavour. Unquote.

A businessperson, principle owner of the famous Sydney's most Iconic Restaurant & Function centre at Circular Quay, known as **"CITY EXTRA"**:

**"Rest in Peace"
ASHLEY.**

CONSTANCE ETTO



Constance (nee Cotter) 31/5/38 to 17/3/2022

Born when her mother was 18 yrs. old, the oldest of 13 children, she was the strength of a very large family in India. Her journey through life was to extend moral and financial support to her family and a better life by bringing them to Australia.

This was her legacy.

Professionally, in demand as a personal Secretary to many Senior Managers of international companies.

"Death is not extinguishing the light,
It is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come."
Rabindranath Tagore

"May Constance rest in peace."

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE DUE FOR THE YEAR 2022

DEPOSIT AMOUNT INTO ARAIA GENERAL FUND
**ACCOUNT BSB: 062004 ACC: 10037988 AND EMAIL
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INTER MARRIAGES BY FRANK ANTHONY

These marriages were by no means confined to the middle and lower classes. The British secured their wives in two ways, either by treaties with Indian Chiefs and Ruling Princes or from among widows and camp followers on the battlefield. This period has been described as the 'Brahminising Period', when it was thought that these alliances with the local people would attract sympathy and support of the Indians.

Not only trade but the territories expanded, the commitments, both trading and mili-

tary grew correspondingly. The company inspired for the first-time visions of empire initiated a policy of encouraging Britons in the humbler ranks to make India their home. These marriages were not only officially encouraged but were considered as entirely respectable. The off springs of these unions were usually and often lavishly provided for. Many of them intermarried with some of the leading families of British aristocracy who perhaps would, today, resent any imputation of any dark strain in their pedigree". Unquote.

SOME FAMOUUE NAMES BY FRANK ANTHONY

Frank Anthony states that the history of marriages between distinguished Euro and Indian families make romantic reading.

Quote:
Job Charnock, regarded as the founder of the city of Calcutta, snatched a Hindu widow, a Rajput Princess from the funeral pyre and married her.

Sir Eyre Coote among the most brilliant & spectacular figures of his time. A fact not known and conveniently suppressed by Britain was that he is an Anglo-Indian.

Colonel William Gardner, family in the British peerage, married the granddaughter, of the Moghul emperor. Well known Gardner's horse a famous regiment in Indian history.

Major Hyder Hearsey married another sister of the Nawab. This family produced **General Sir John Hearsay** of mutiny fame.

Col: Kennedy married a Rajput Princess. The daughter married **General Roberts**, father of the famous Field Marshall Roberts, commander in chief in India.

Colonel Kirkpatrick, the British resident married an Indian lady, and their exceptionally beautiful daughter Kitty was portrayed as the original Blumie by Sir Thomas Carlyle in his Novel 'Sartor Resartus'.

Elihu Yale President of Madras 1687 - 1692 married an Anglo-Indian lady. Having amassed an enormous fortune left India and was the Governor of the British Colony of New York. His tombstone inscription runs as follows.

"Born in America in Europe bred, In Africa travelled, in Asia wed. Where long he lived and thrived - in London dead.

Much good, some ill, he did, so hopes all even, and that his soul through mercies' gone to heaven."

Thomas Pitt born in 1653 came to India and lived as a free trader at Balasore in Orissa. In 1680 he married an Anglo-Indian lady Jane Innes at Calcutta. His eldest son Robert was the father of **William Pitt, Prime Minister of England and one of the country's greatest statesmen.**

These few examples could be multiplied many folds. A separate book written about these unions would be of some historical but perhaps romantic interest. **Unquote.**

Continued Blood lines next issue - Excerpts: World famous Historian. **William Dalrymple.**

SERVANTS OF THE HEIC

DRAWN FROM THE DEFENCE ACADEMY IN ENGLAND, THEIR WAGES WERE BETTER THAN BRITAINS MILITARY.



SERVANTS OF JOHNS COMPANY (HEIC)

1799 SIRIRANGAPATNA

JOHNS MADRAS REGIMENTS ENDED TIPPUS REIGN. BATTLE LED BY

COL:ARTHUR WELLESLEY.



IRISH ARMY OFFICER AND HERO, ENDED THE NAPOLEON WARS. TWICE PRIME MINISTER OF THE UK. HE WAS AN UNPROMISING BOY AND WAS REMOVED FROM SCHOOL AT THE AGE OF FIFTEEN LATER HONoured AS THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON .

MAJOR LACHLAN MACQUARIE ARTILLERY, LATER GOVERNOR OF AUSTRALIA.



THE DEFENCES QUICKLY COLLAPSED UNDER THE POUNDING OF THE CANONS.

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FUNCTIONS FOR THE YEAR 2022

- ⇒ **March 26th** **“:Saturday HIGH TEA”**
= **Guest Speaker - Dr. Joan Haliburn - Ex: Federal President, Australia and New Zealand Association of Psychotherapy** to address young adults and families.
POSTPONED — To be advised
- ⇒ **APRIL 17th** **Easter Sunday Function** **Cancelled**
- ⇒ **August 6th** **Board of Trustees postponed Premier Function.**
Includes Dinner in exclusive Venue.
To honor Godfrey Phillips OBE for his services to hockey.
Pre Sales entry and raffle tickets will be honored for this function
Details to Follow shortly in flyer to be released.
- ⇒ **September 9th.** **Cricket over 50’s**
- ⇒ **October 9th** **ARAIA Annual AGM**
- ⇒ **October 29th** **Cricket - Mango Cup**
- ⇒ **November 11th** **Church Service. Lest we forget. A tribute to those we lost over the last 3 yrs.**
- ⇒ **December 11th** **Children Xmas Tree**
- ⇒ **December 31st** **New Years Eve Dance 2022**

BACK PAGE STORY HEADLINE

The leaders of ARAIA are focused on the future of the community,

The Scheme of “Buy a Brick” or donate to the Trust Fund is continuously encouraged to build our resources.

This is not really possible for only the Councilors or Trustees to propagate the scheme.

It must come from the heart of every Anglo-Indian. Donate and Ask each other have you donated and spread the word around.

Unless we have the community involved it would take a long time to reach our targets.

Sufficient funds in our

account would possibly convince Councils in the state to release Land to the community,

Furthermore, the Federal Government would assist in the setting up of a Seniors home.

Let’s do what we can to the best of our ability. Allow and support others to do the same. For if we all directed our energies to do so, we could reach our targets early.

We place on record the donations received over this difficult period.

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| Social Committee | \$400 |
| French Roy | \$ 100 |
| Dudley Noel | \$100 |
| French Max | \$400 |

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| Allison Sigmund | \$100 |
| Robert Wright | \$100 |
| Ballard Arthur | \$100 |
| Dillon Coral | \$50 |
| Joe Dillon | \$50 |
| Banerjee Neel | \$50 |
| Banerjee | \$50 |
| Soans Adele | \$50 |
| Alves John | \$100 |
| Cardis Jenny | \$100 |
| Cardis Basil | \$100 |
| French Noel | \$100 |
| Holmes Ron | \$100 |
| Dr, Joan Haliburn | \$100 |

Larger donations received, even anonymous earlier. This is the record over the fractious period where all fund raising stalled.

We do sincerely thank these latest donors to the “TRUST FUND”,



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